

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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Mr. Weldon Wall

Dear Mr. Wall:

In response to your letter of 26 September 1982, requesting information about the existence of an official Office of Strategic Services insignia or seal, I can report that no such seal or insignia was ever authorized. I am informed, however, that during World War II a shoulder patch device was proposed for OSS to the Joint Chiefs of Staffs, to whom OSS reported. Although the JCS refused to approve that design, or any other form of insignia for OSS, some OSS uniformed members apparently had shoulder patches in the proposed design made up after the war and wore them on their uniforms as veterans. I understand that this unofficial design was in the form of a black or navy oval, with a yellow gold border and yellow gold triangular guidon superimposed on the black or navy field.

I trust that all this will reassure you that you have not overlooked some evidence of an official OSS badge in your research.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Historian

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